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REMARKS

In the Office Action, the Examiner indicated that claims 7-22, 31-39, and 42-49 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The claims 7-22, 31-39, and 42-49 have been rewritten to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims in order to expedite allowance of the pending claims. In addition, claims 2-6, 23-30, and 40-41 have been amended to depend from an allowable claim. Claims 1 and 26 have been cancelled.

Claims 50 and 53 have been amended per the Examiner's objection under 35 USC 101 to recite the phrase "executed by a computer" as suggested by the Examiner. Similarly, claims 51 and 54 have been amended to remove the optional language "being adapted for" as indicated by the Examiner's objection to claims 51 and 54. Claims 50-52 have been amended corresponding to allowable claim 9. Similarly, claims 53-55 have been amended corresponding to allowable claim 33.

Claims 2-25 and 27-55 remain pending.

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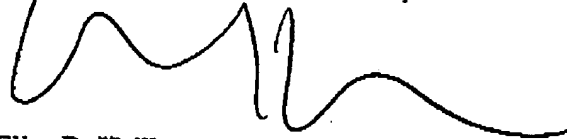
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SUMMARY

An early Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited. If there are any issues remaining which the Examiner believes could be resolved through either a Supplemental Response or an Examiner's Amendment, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

Applicants hereby petition for an extension of time which may be required to maintain the pendency of this case, and any required fee for such extension or any further fee required in connection with the filing of this Amendment is to be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0388 (Order No. CISC206).

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